

THE BATMAN

ADVENTURES



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PSYCHOTIC, MASS-MURDERING CLOWNS
AND THE WOMEN WHO LOVE THEM.

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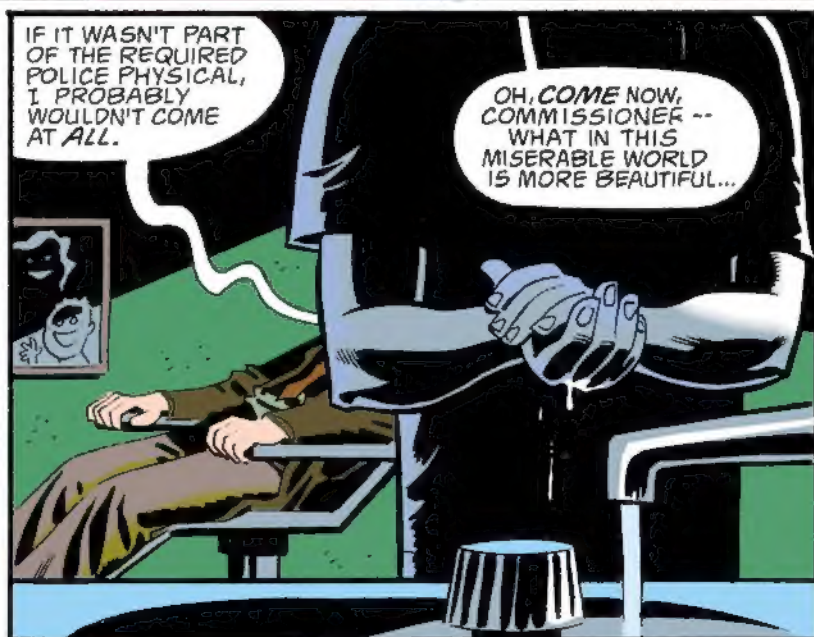
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"MAD LOVE"



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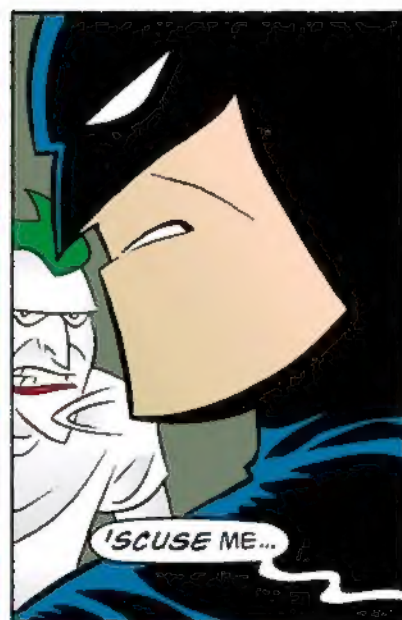
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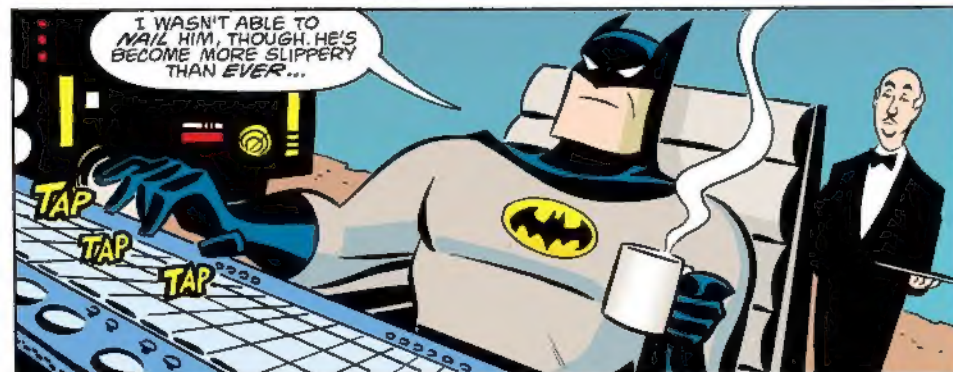
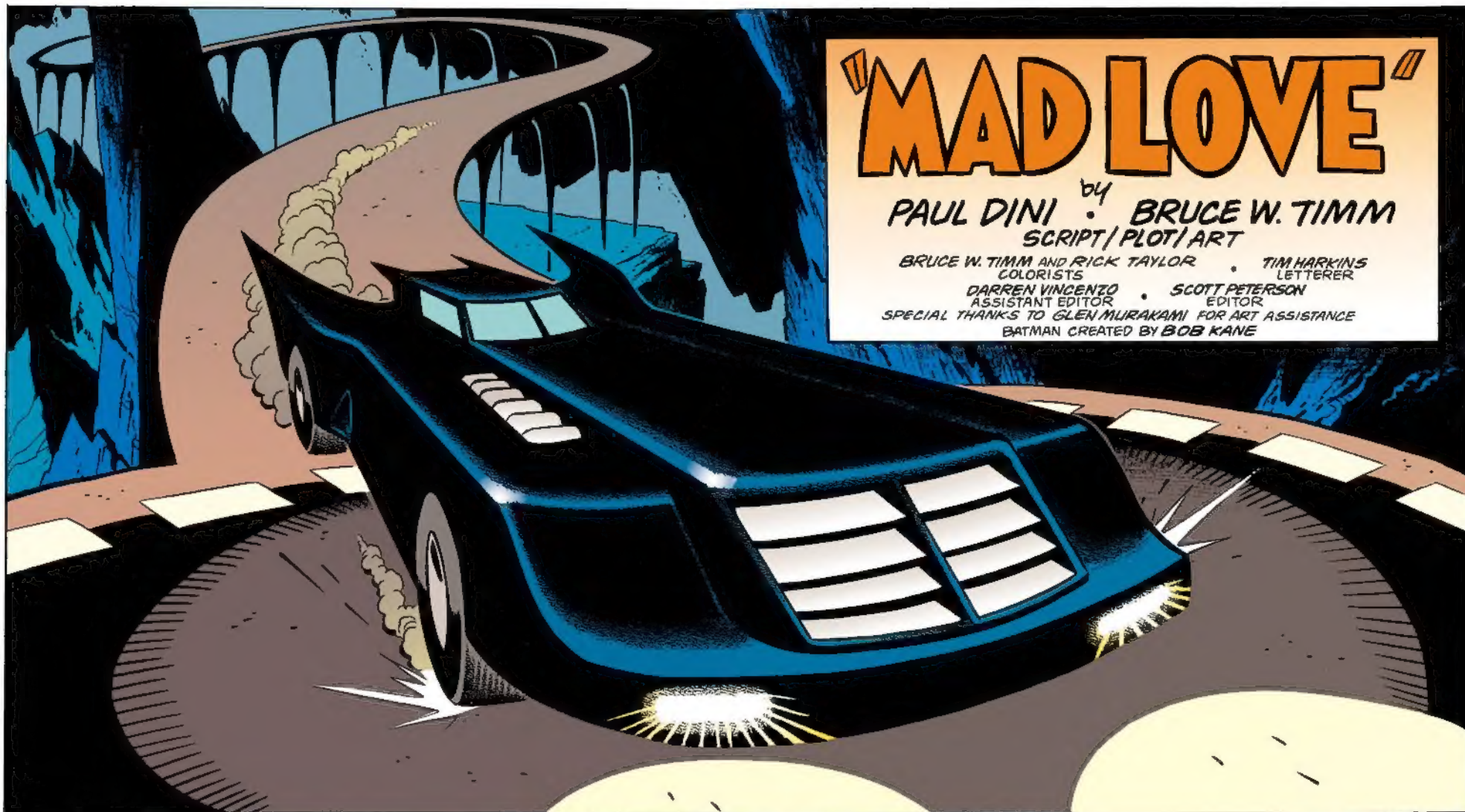


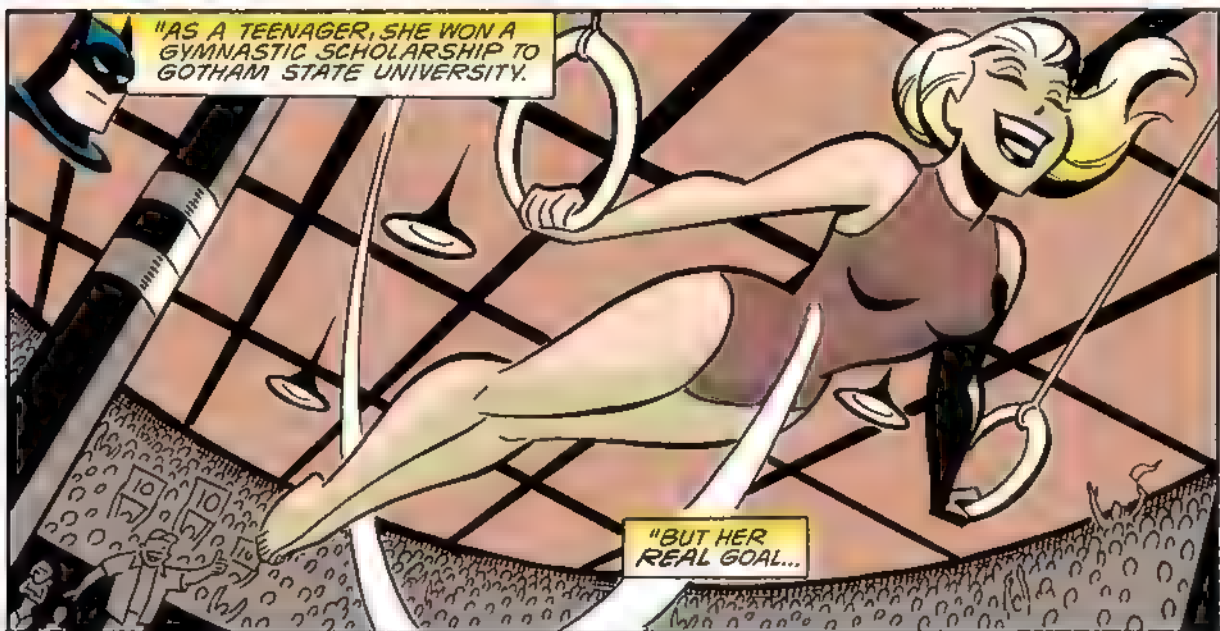
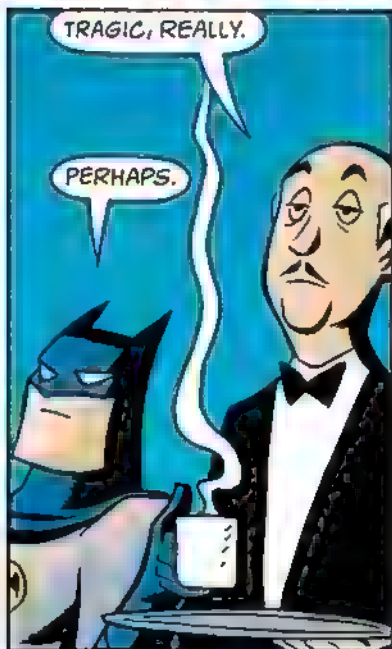


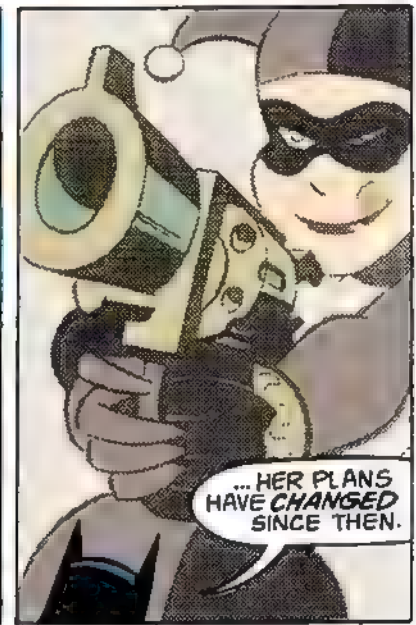
















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SCRIBBLE



A-HEMMM...

GO 'WAY,
I'M BUSY.

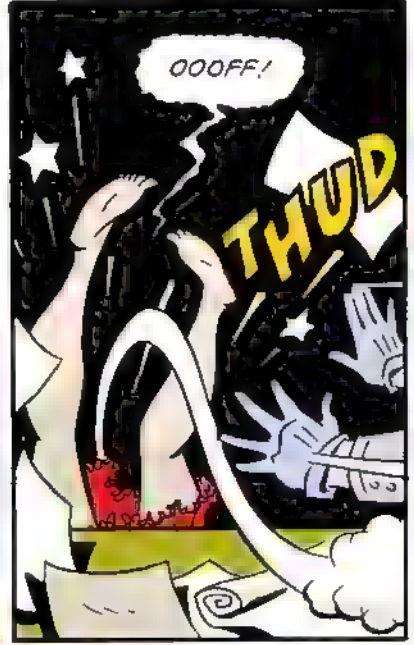
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AW, C'MON,
PUDDIN'...

... DON'T YA WANNA REV
UP YOUR HARLEY?

VRRODOOM
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OOOFF!

THUD



OH, SWEETIE... ♀

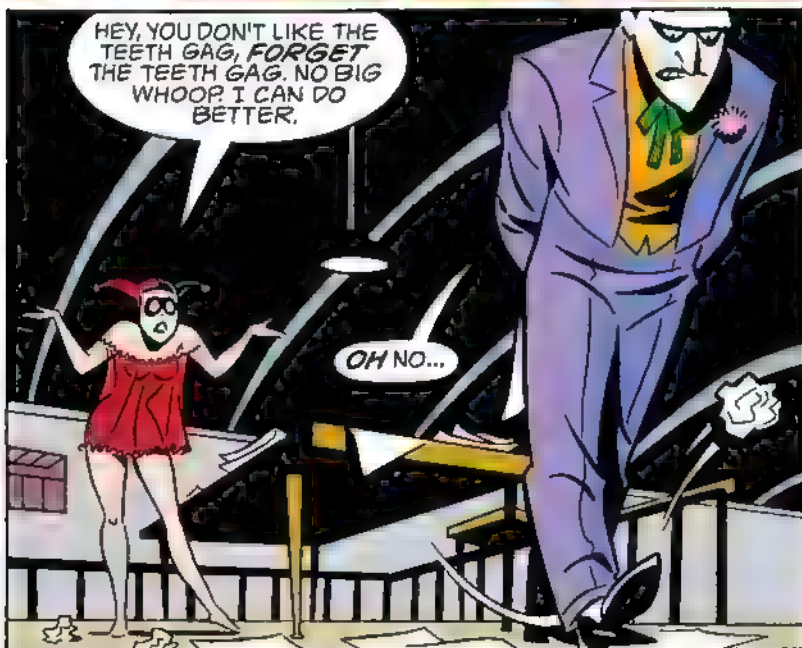


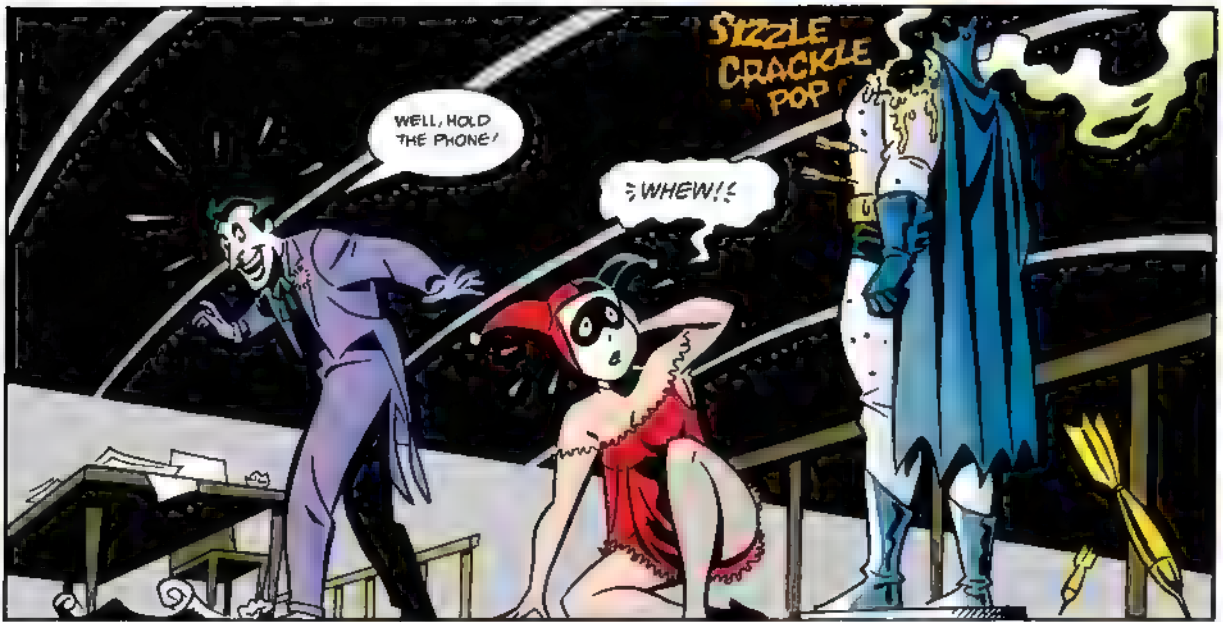
♂ I GOT THE
WHOO-EE
CUSHION... ♀

BLATT!

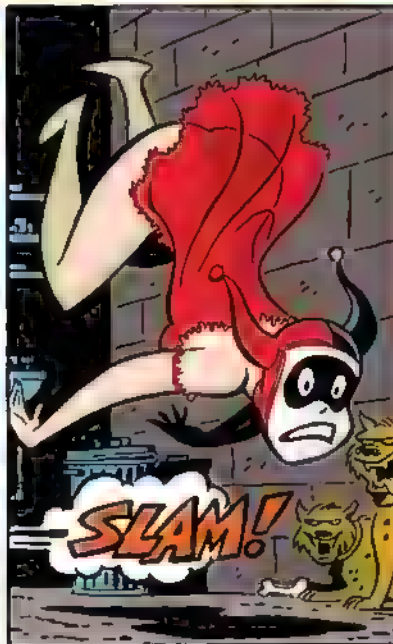
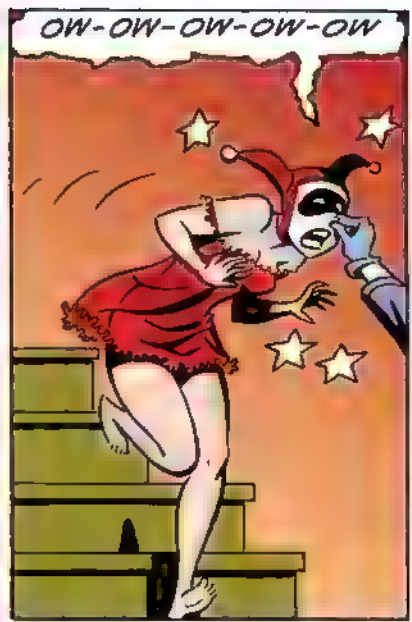


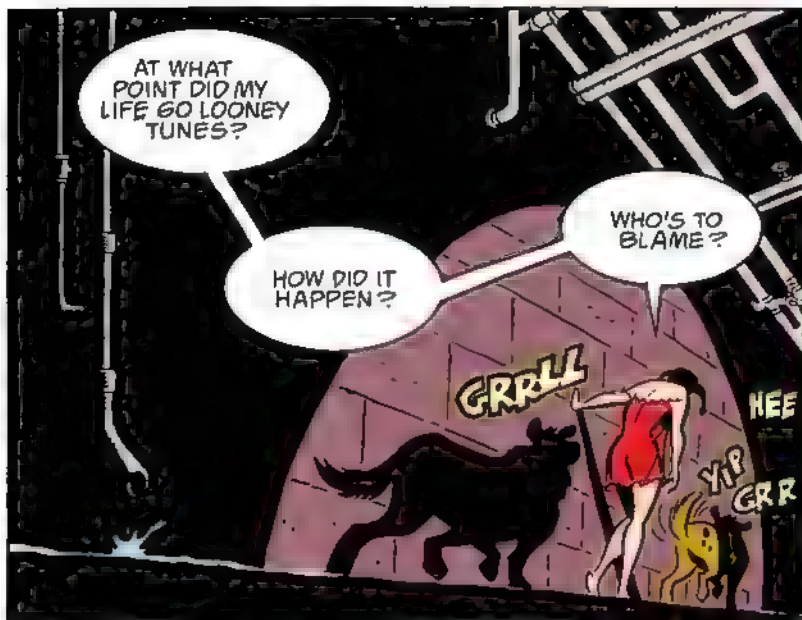
♂ sigh ♀



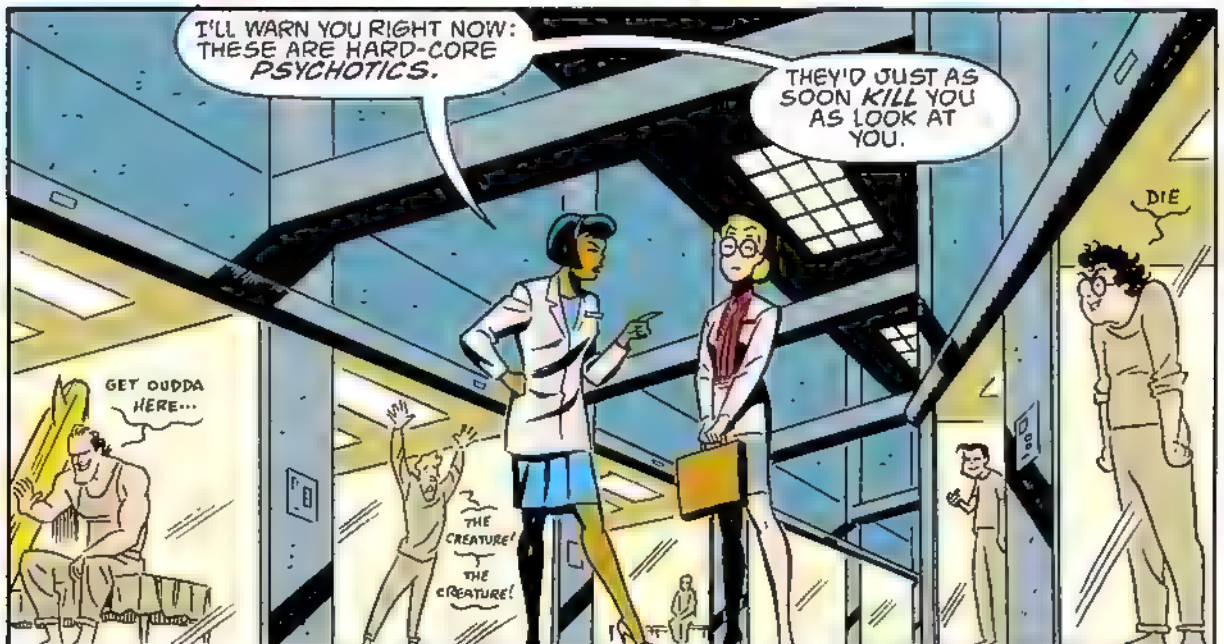


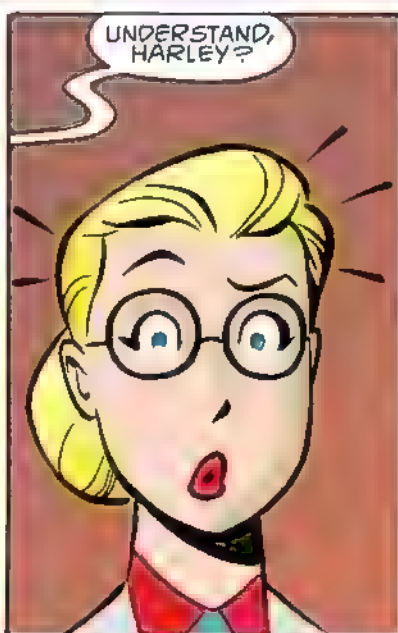




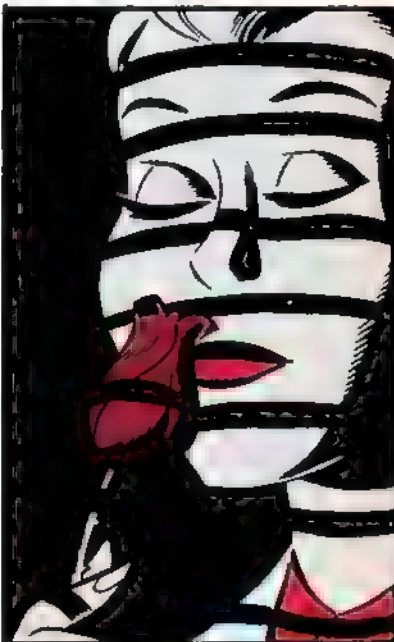
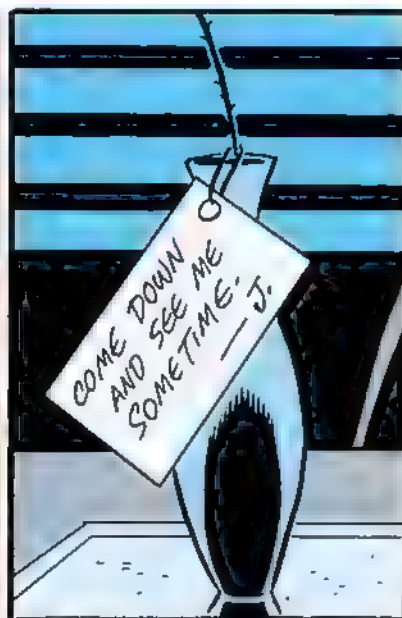
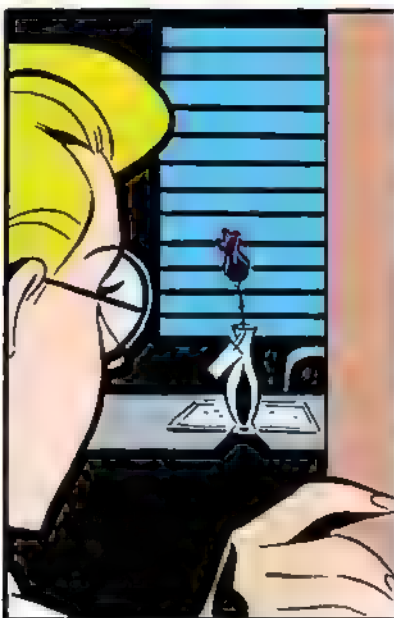
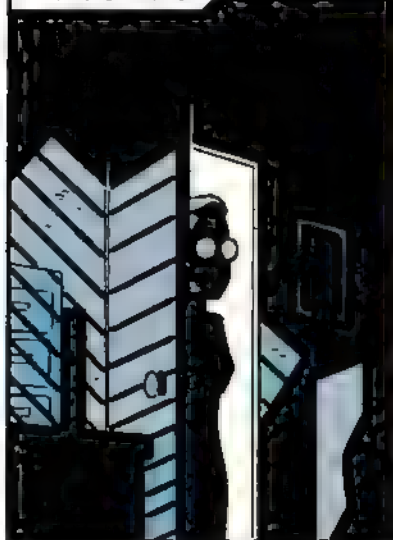


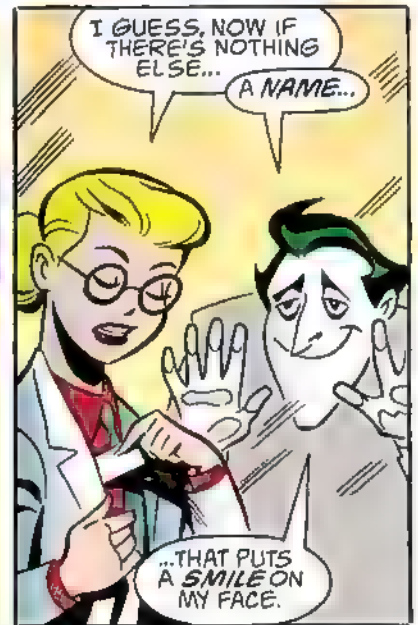
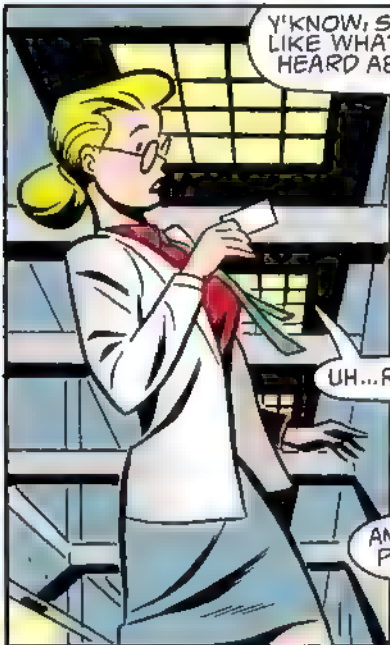
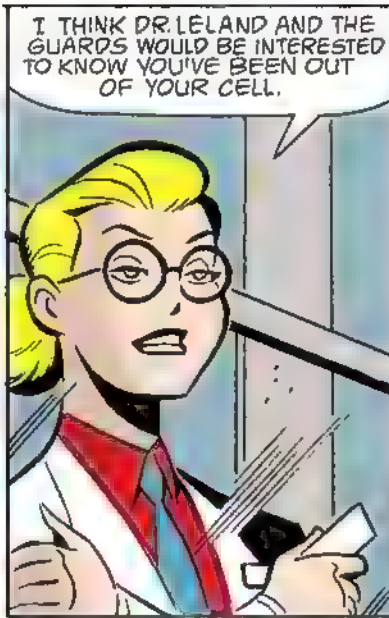


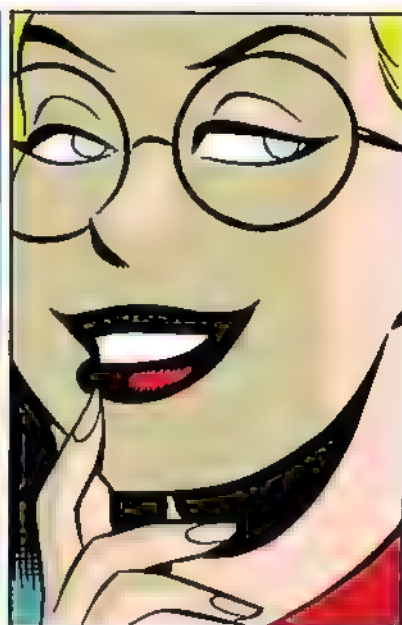
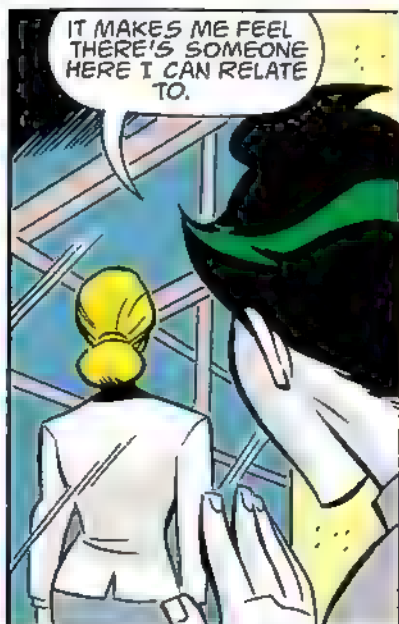




"LATER THAT DAY, I FOUND
A LITTLE SURPRISE WAITING
IN MY OFFICE."



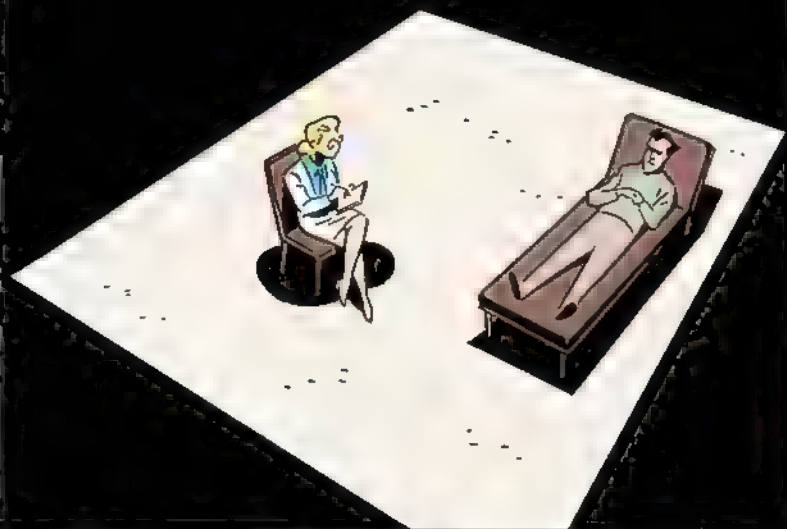




"IT TOOK NEARLY THREE MONTHS
OF PLEADING BEFORE DR. LELAND
FINALLY GAVE IN AND LET ME DO
A SESSION WITH THE JOKER.

"SHE TOLD ME HE WAS AN
ANIMAL, PLAIN AND SIMPLE.
A FIEND WHO ENJOYED
TWISTING THE MINDS OF
THOSE STUPID ENOUGH
TO TRUST HIM.

"I WAS DETERMINED NOT TO BE
TAKEN UNAWARE, AND STUDIED
UP ON ALL HIS JOKES, TRICKS
AND GIMMICKS.

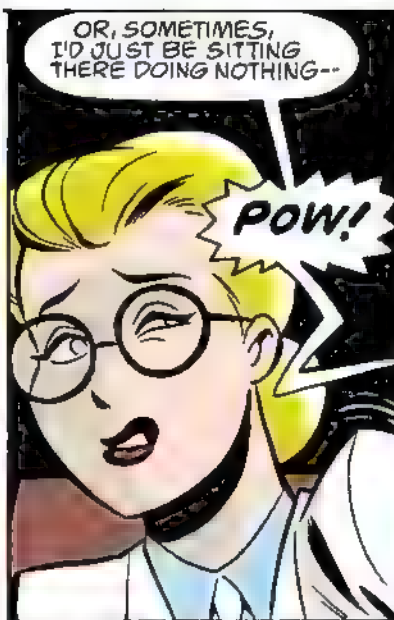
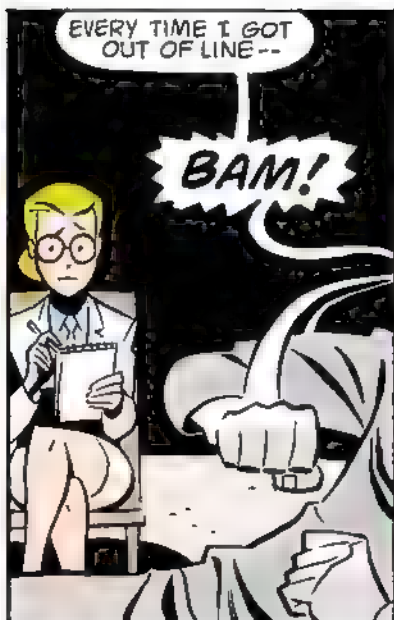


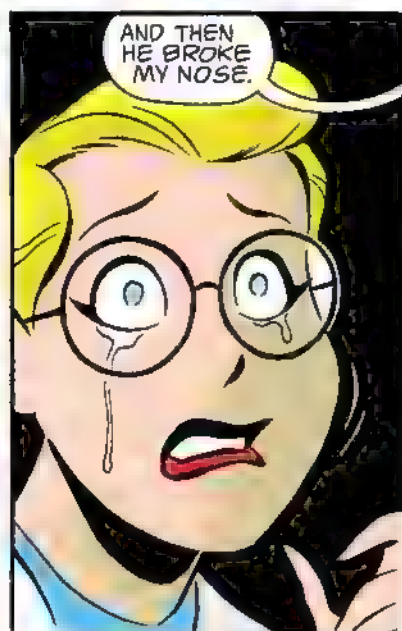
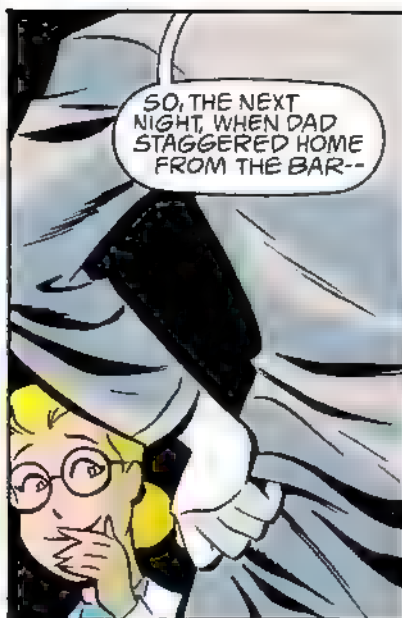
"THEN I WENT
IN, READY FOR
ANYTHING.

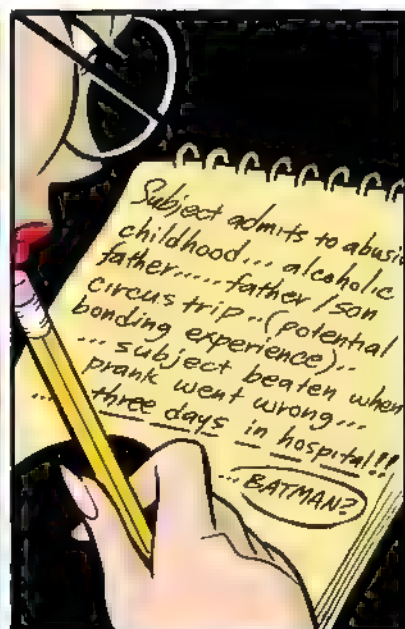
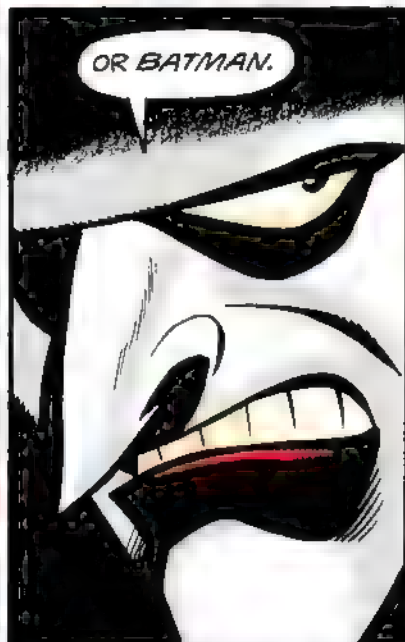
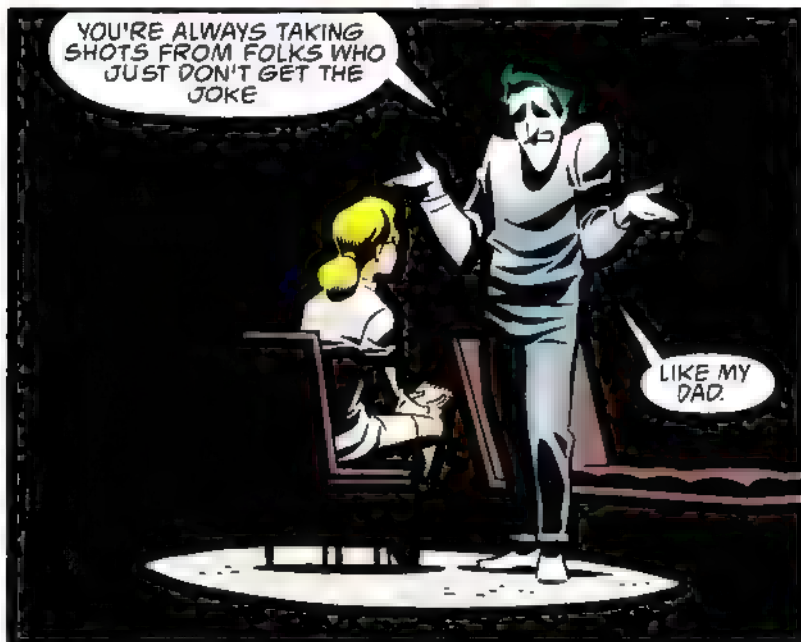


YOU KNOW, MY
FATHER USED TO BEAT
ME UP PRETTY
BAD









"IN THE WEEKS AHEAD, IT SOON BECAME CLEAR TO ME THAT THE JOKER, SO OFTEN DESCRIBED AS A RAVING, HOMICIDAL MADMAN, WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A TORTURED SOUL CRYING OUT FOR LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE."

"A LOST, INJURED CHILD LOOKING TO MAKE THE WORLD LAUGH AT HIS ANTICS."

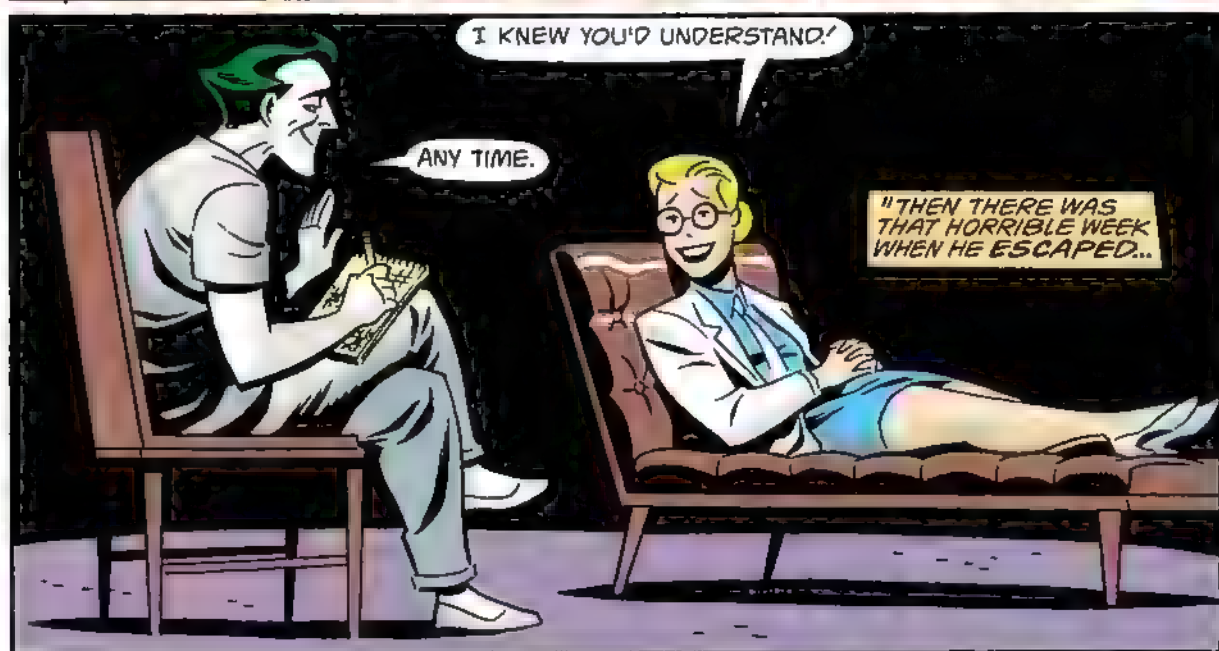
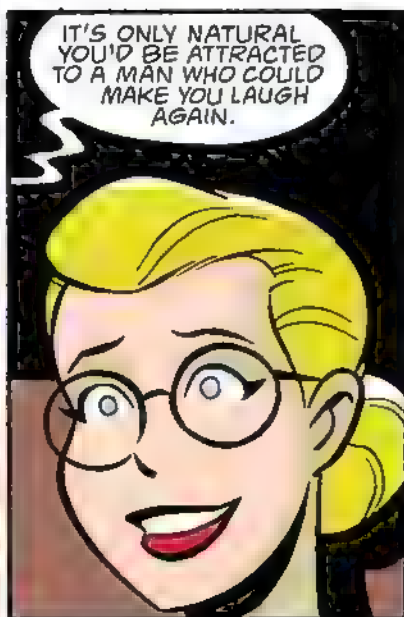
"AND THERE, AS ALWAYS, WAS THE SELF-RIGHTEOUS BATMAN..."

"... DETERMINED TO MAKE LIFE MISERABLE FOR MY ANGEL."

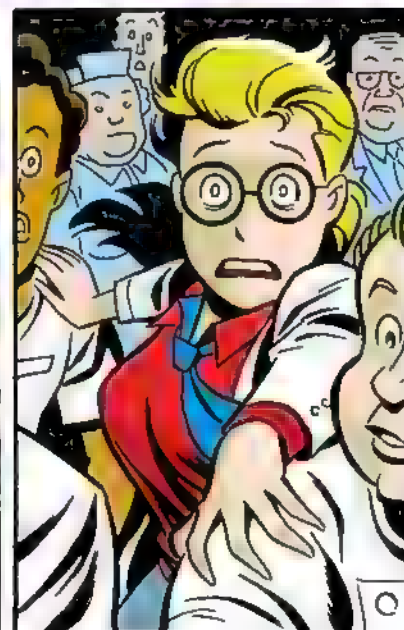
"YES, I ADMIT IT, AS UNPROFESSIONAL AS IT SOUNDS..."

"... I HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WITH MY PATIENT."

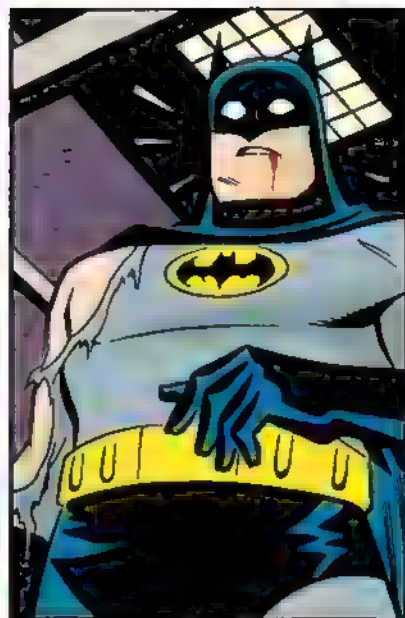
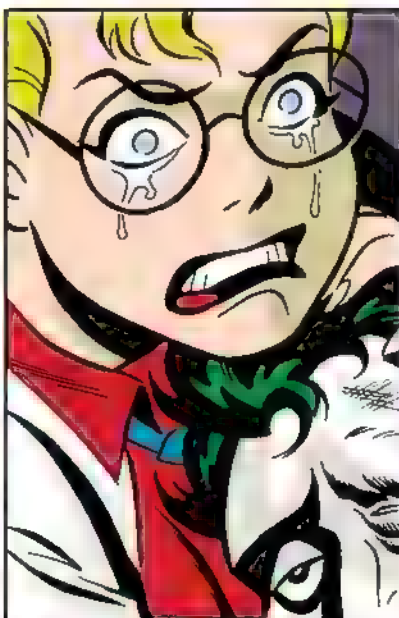
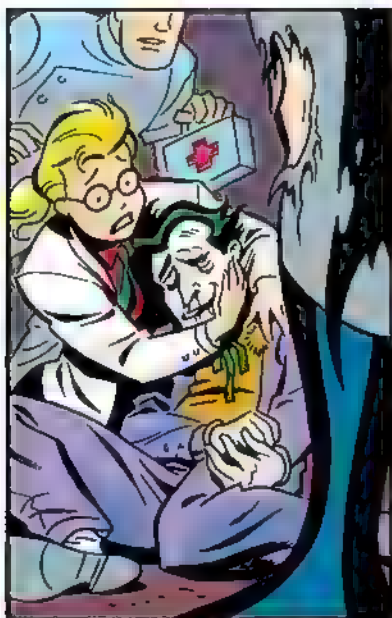


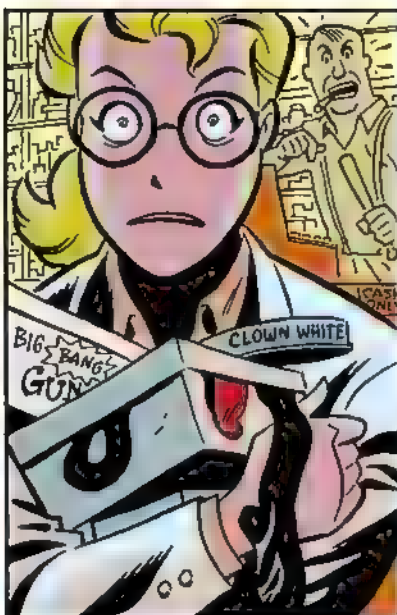


"...THE POOR THING WAS OUT ON THE RUN, ALONE AND FRIGHTENED. I WAS SO WORRIED!"







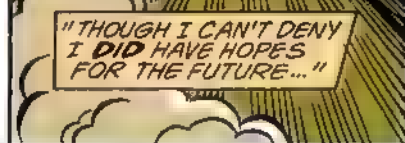
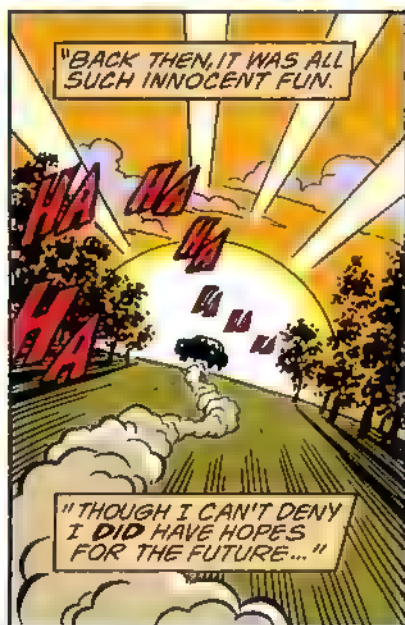
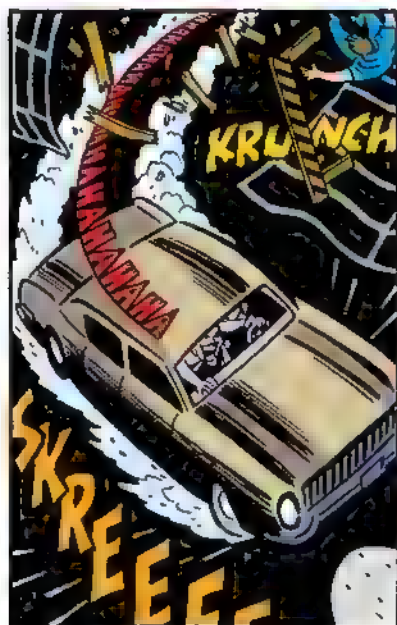
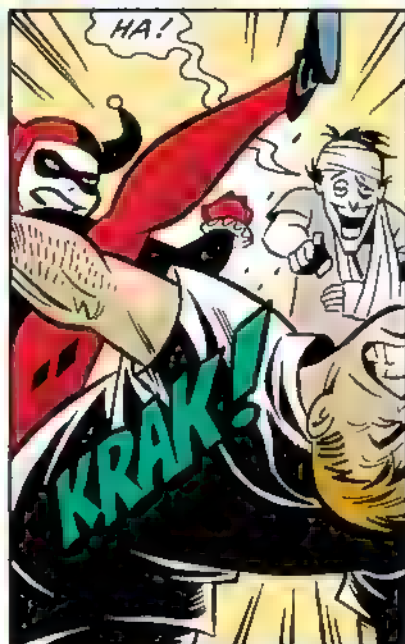
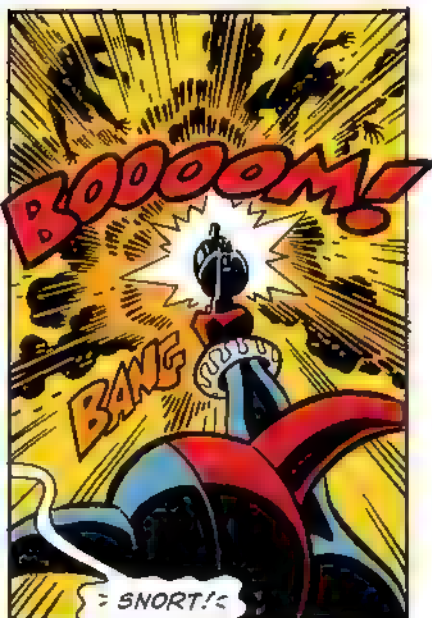




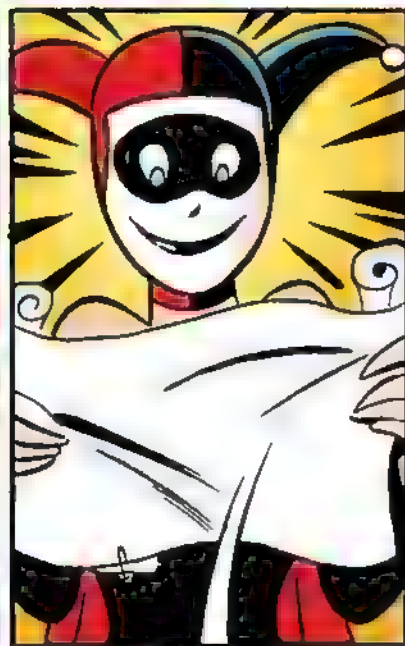
KNOCK,
KNOCK,
PUDDIN'!

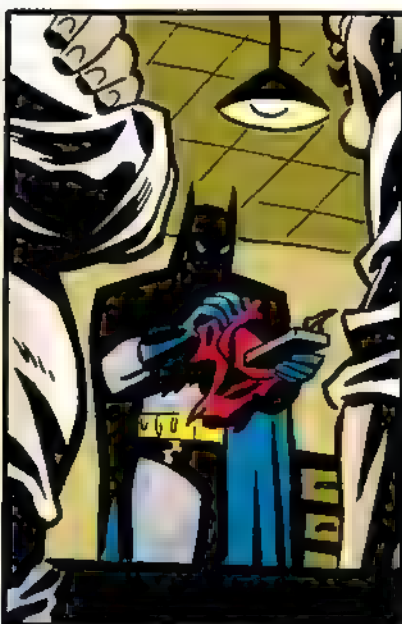
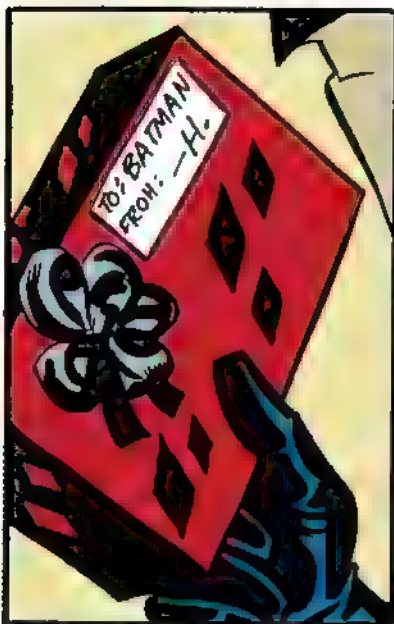
SAY HELLO
TO YOUR NEW,
IMPROVED...

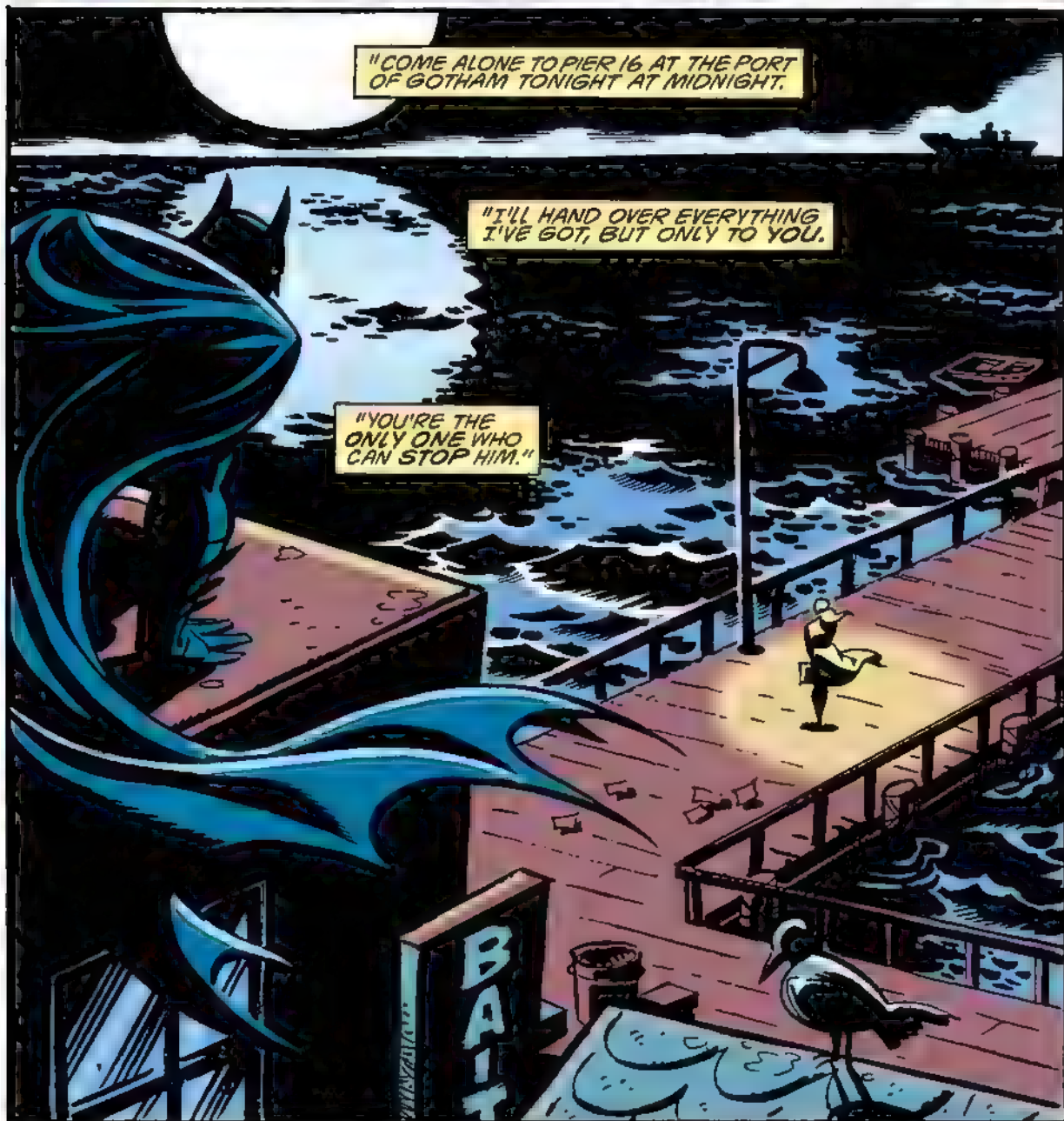
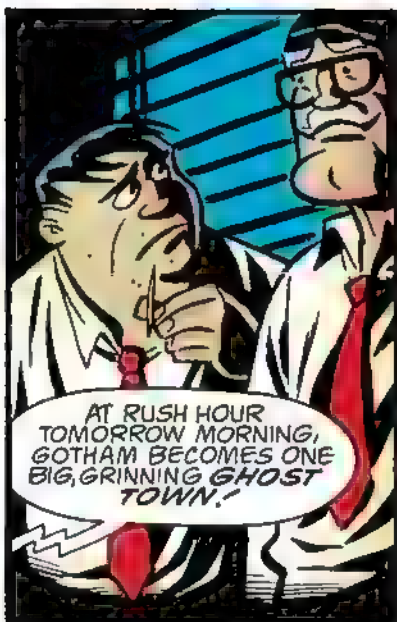
--HARLEY
QUINN!

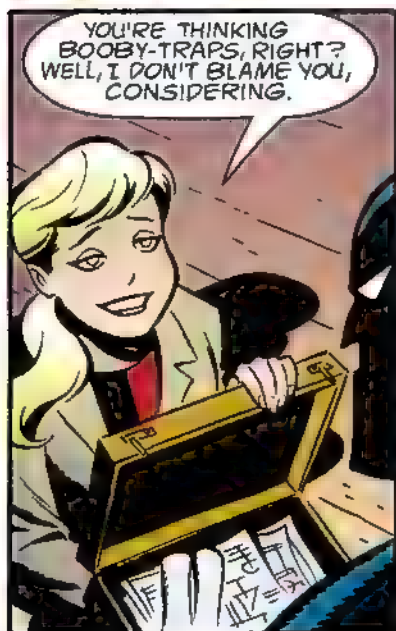
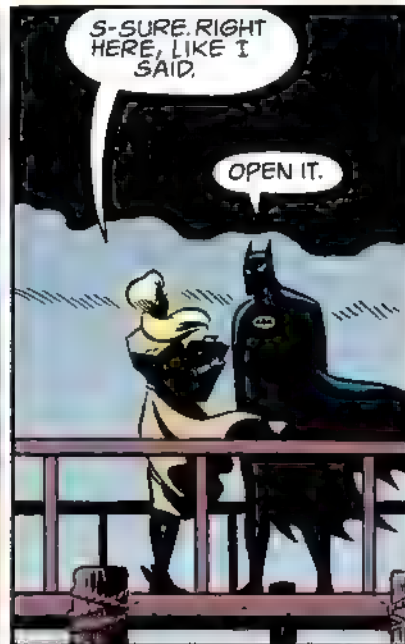
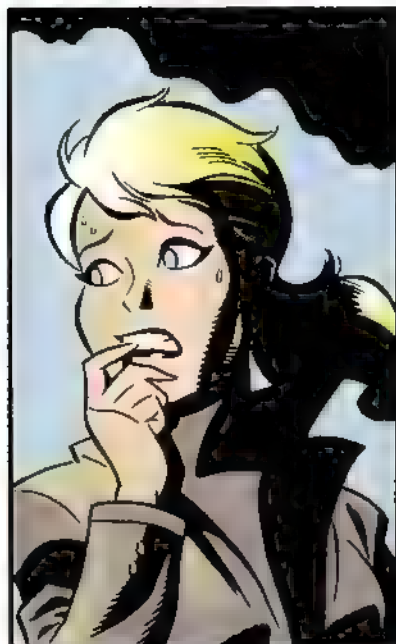


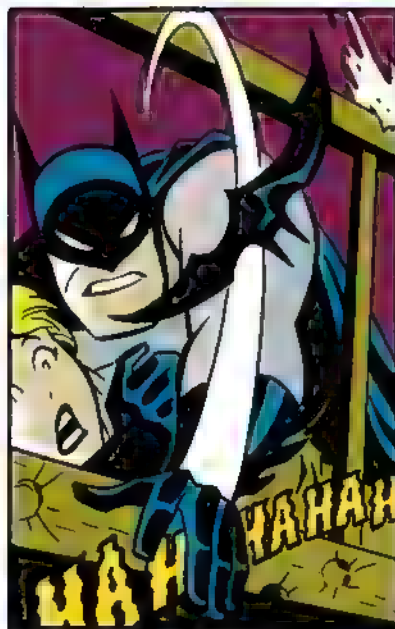


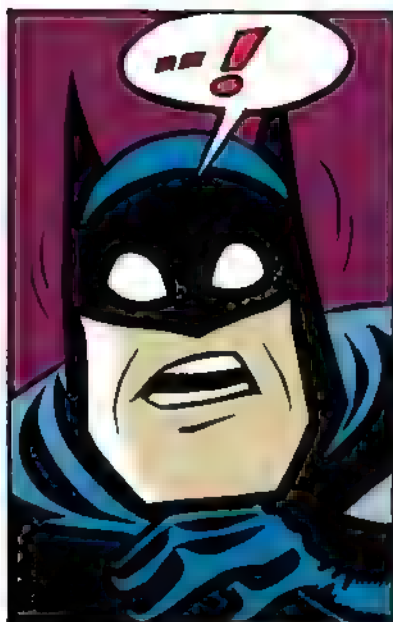












I TOOK OFF THE BELT AND TRIPLE-CHECKED ALL THE KNOTS...



QUINN...

OH! YOU'RE AWAKE, FINALLY. GEE, THAT KNOCK-OUT DRUG REALLY KEPT YOU UNDER.

PLUS, YOU'VE BEEN HANGING UPSIDE-DOWN FOR A WHILE...



ALL THAT BLOOD RUSHING TO YOUR HEAD'S GONE AND MADE YOU A LITTLE LOGY. YEAH, I DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE GETTIN' OUTTA THIS ONE ANYTIME SOON.

THE JOKER...

WHERE...?

GRAPE SODA

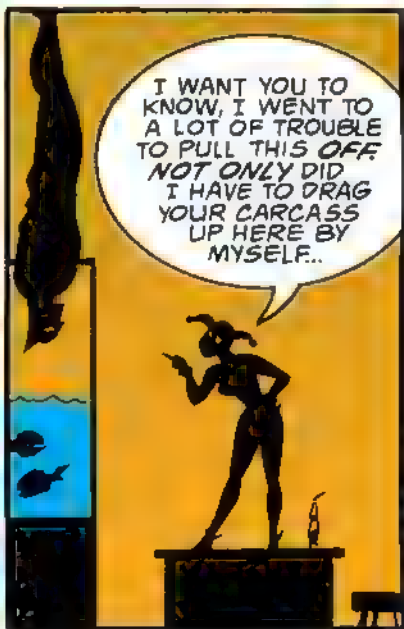


IT'S JUST ME, B-MAN.

NO JOKER, NO GAS-BOMBS, NO CITY IN PERIL. JUST YOU...

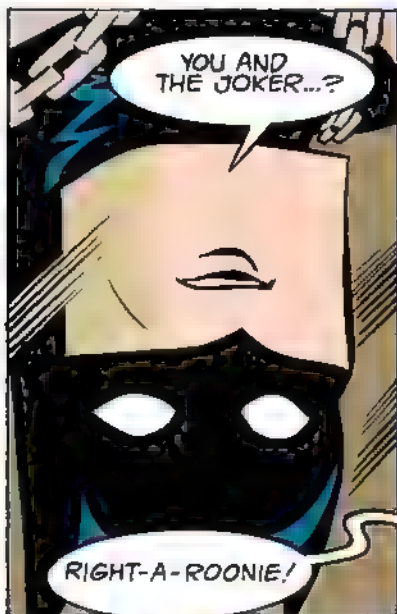
THAT TANK...

...AND ME.



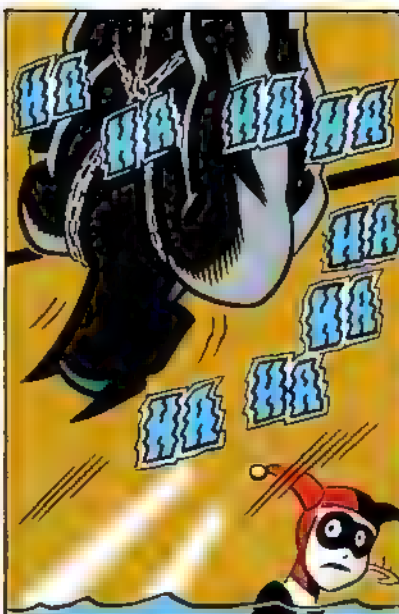
I WANT YOU TO KNOW, I WENT TO A LOT OF TROUBLE TO PULL THIS OFF. NOT ONLY DID I HAVE TO DRAG YOUR CARCASS UP HERE BY MYSELF...





YOU AND THE JOKER...?

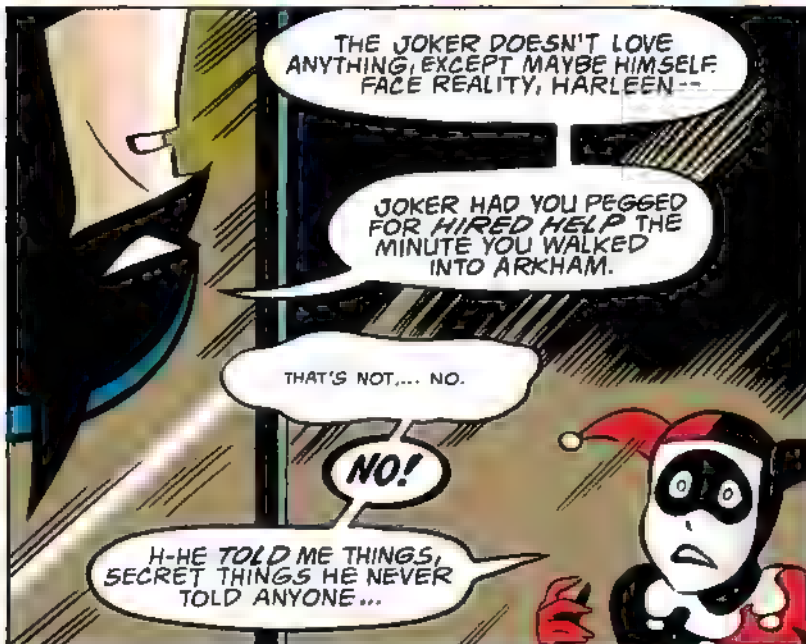
RIGHT-A-ROONIE!



I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU LAUGH BEFORE. I DON'T THINK I LIKE IT.

CUT IT OUT. YOU'RE GIVIN' ME THE CREEPS.

YOU'RE A FOOL.



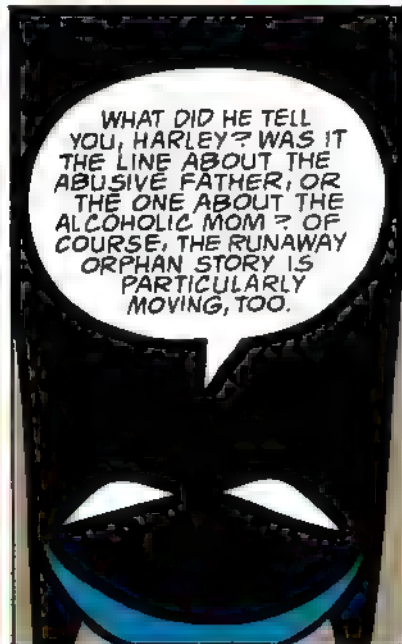
THE JOKER DOESN'T LOVE ANYTHING, EXCEPT MAYBE HIMSELF. FACE REALITY, HARLEEN--

JOKER HAD YOU PEGGED FOR HIRED HELP THE MINUTE YOU WALKED INTO ARKHAM.

THAT'S NOT.... NO.

NO!

H-HE TOLD ME THINGS, SECRET THINGS HE NEVER TOLD ANYONE...



WHAT DID HE TELL YOU, HARLEY? WAS IT THE LINE ABOUT THE ABUSIVE FATHER, OR THE ONE ABOUT THE ALCOHOLIC MOM? OF COURSE, THE RUNAWAY ORPHAN STORY IS PARTICULARLY MOVING, TOO.



HE'S GAINED A LOT OF SYMPATHY WITH THAT ONE.

STOP IT!!

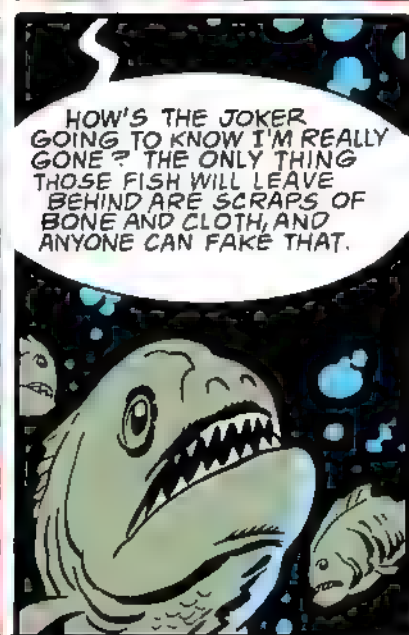
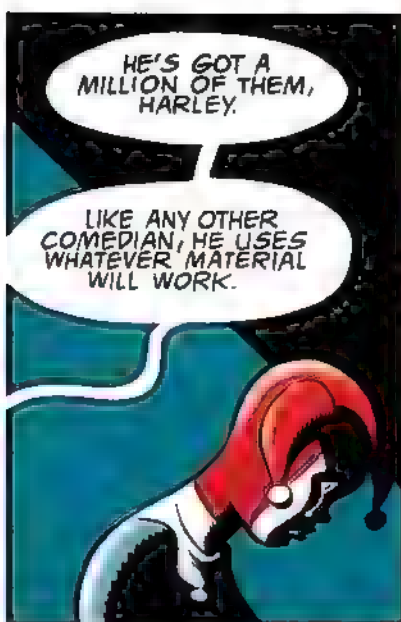
YOU'RE MAKING ME CONFUSED!

WHAT WAS IT HE TOLD THAT ONE PAROLE OFFICER?

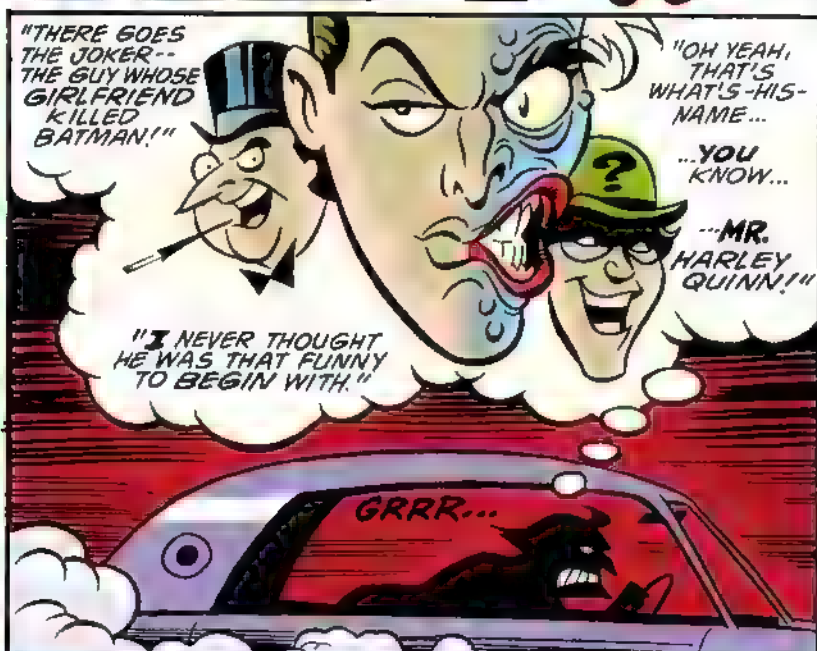
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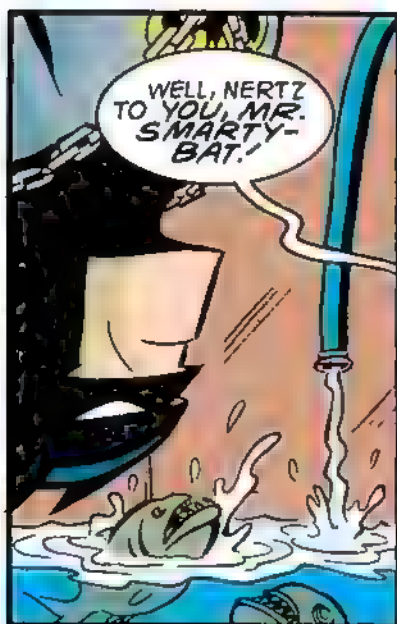


"THERE WAS ONLY ONE TIME I EVER SAW DAD REALLY HAPPY. HE TOOK ME TO THE ICE SHOW WHEN I WAS SEVEN..."









AND
THEN...



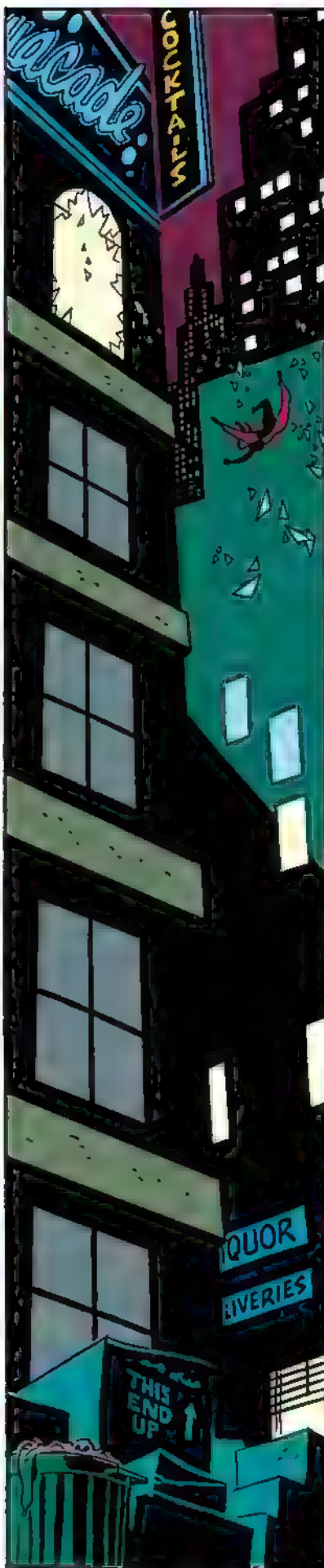
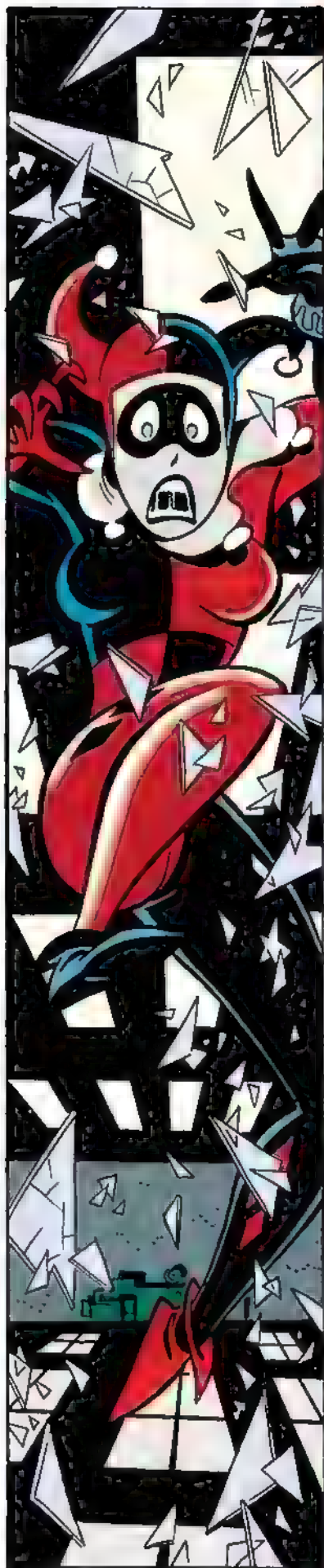
SO, YOU
WANNA FOOL
AROUND?

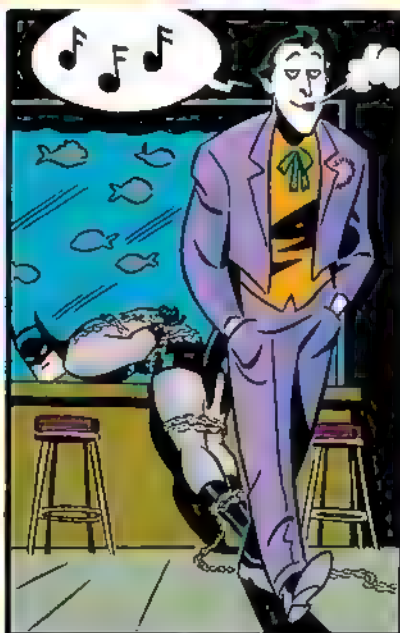
WARRLEEV!!!



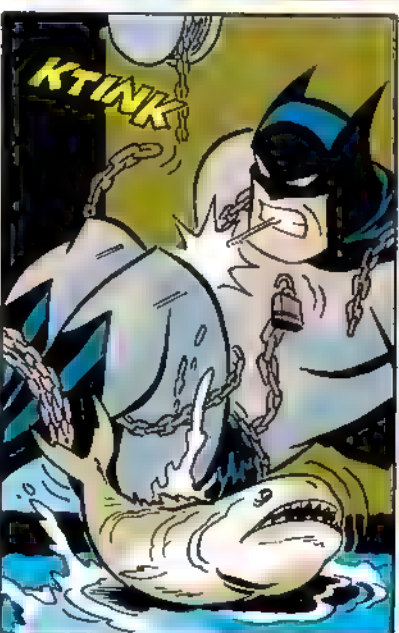
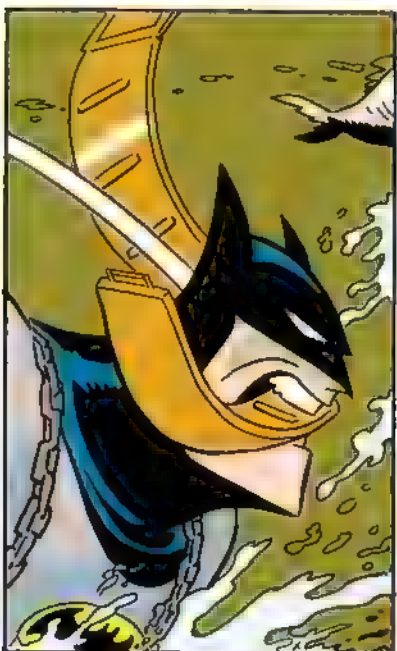
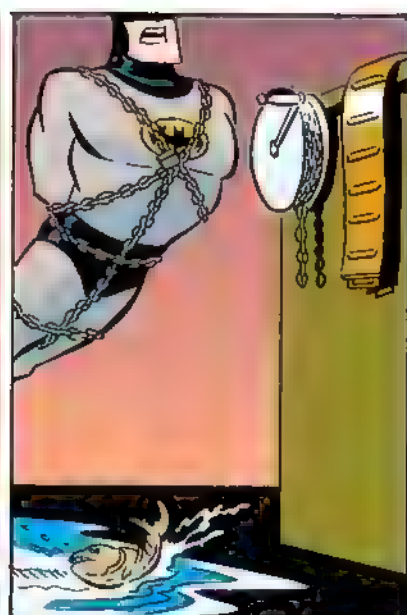
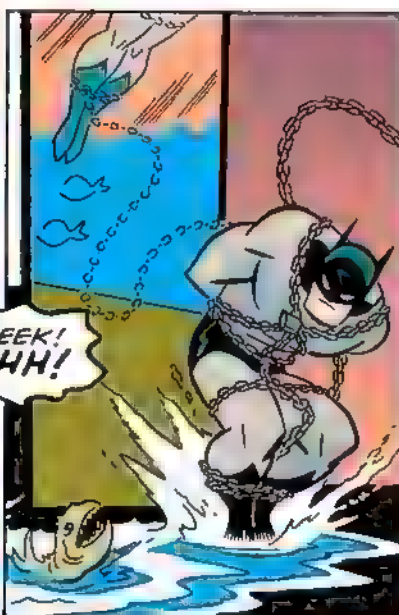
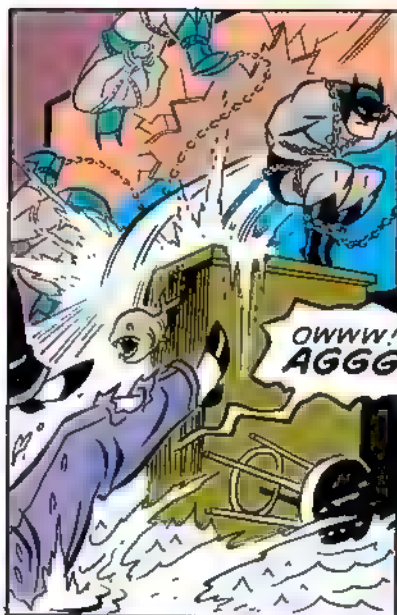


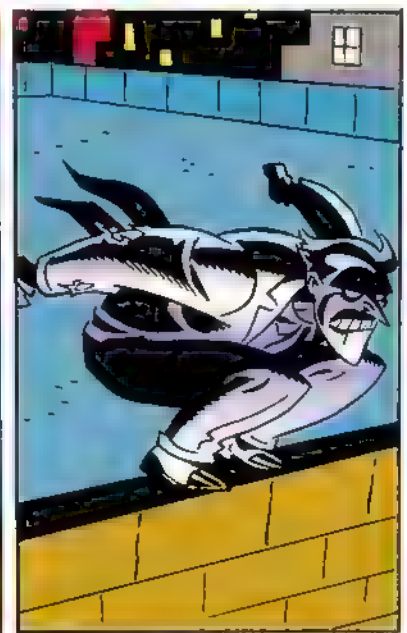
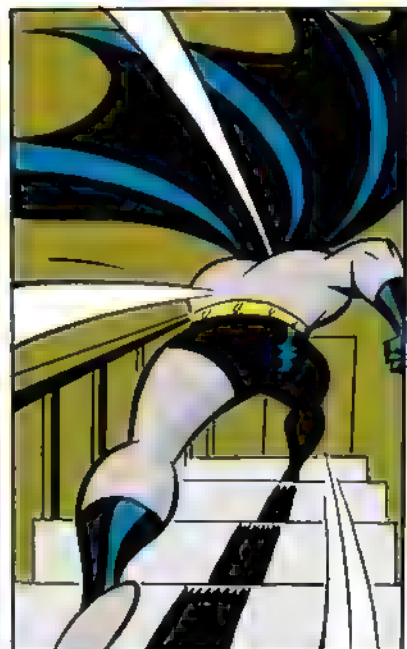


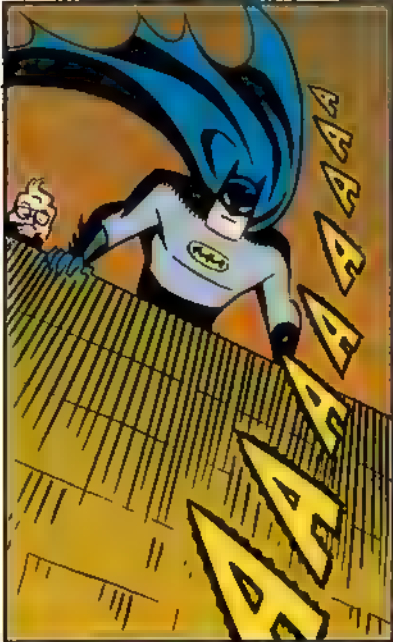
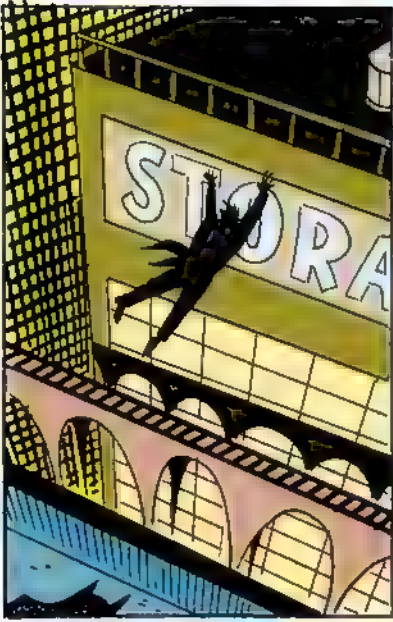


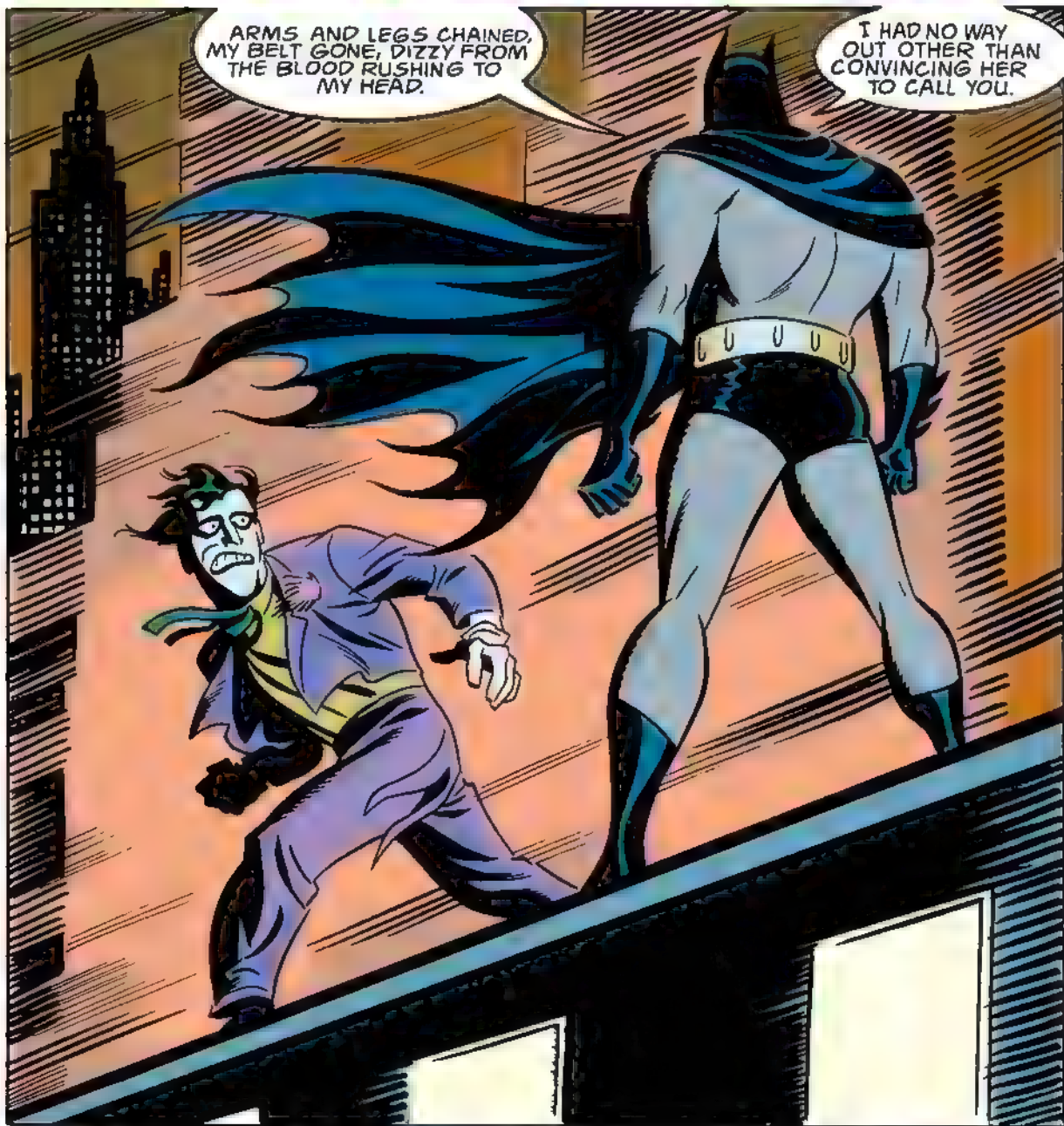




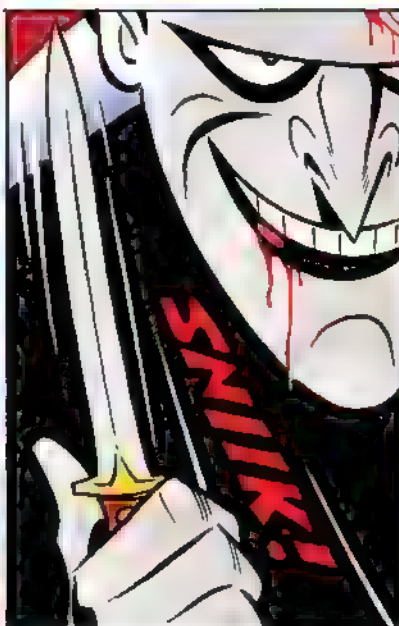




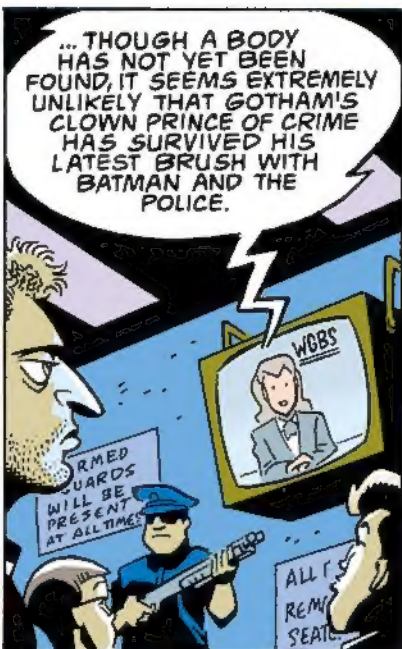














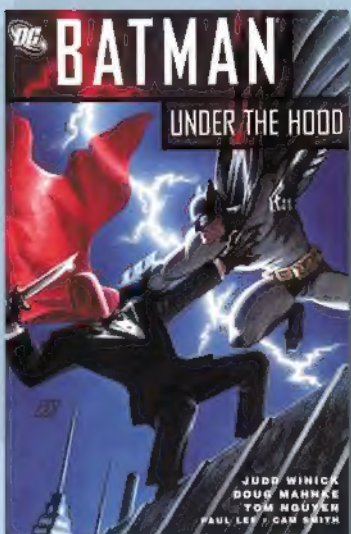
MORE CLASSIC TALES OF THE DARK KNIGHT

BATMAN: HUSH



JEPH LOEB
JIM LEE

BATMAN: UNDER THE HOOD
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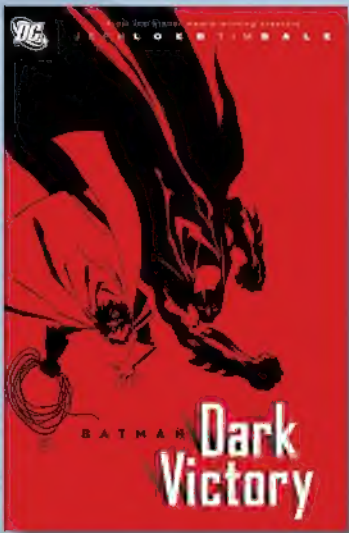
JUDD WINICK
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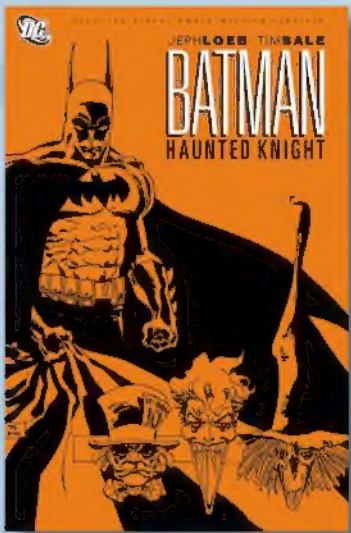
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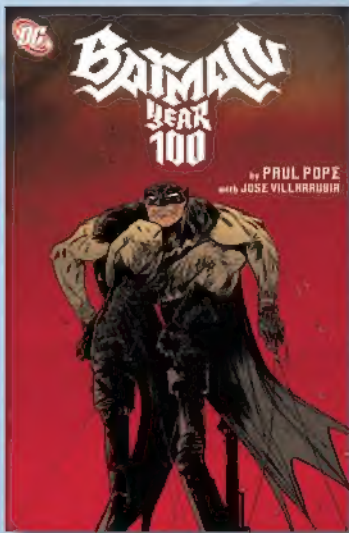
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